



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original, and first joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

OPTICAL CONNECTING DEVICE FOR COUPLING CONNECTORS TO AN APPARATUS WITH MULTIPLE PORTS

the specification of which

(check one) _____ is attached hereto.

XXX was filed on July 21, 2003 as Application Serial No. **10/624,288**
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a) – (d) or (f), or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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Yes No

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Yes No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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